SOMERS RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 08, September 2014 7:00 PM Kibble Fuller Community Center

I. Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.

- II. Attendees:
 - a. **Members:** Mr. Jeff Jablonski Chairman, Mr. Steve Woicik Vice Chairman, Ms. Karen McGuane-Secretary, Mr. Louis Stetson, Mr. Ned Lynch
 - b. Absent Members: Stephanie Gershowitz
 - c. **Non Members:** Mr. Todd Rolland-Director of Public Works, Mr. Bruce Urbon-Parks/Facilities Foreman, Mr. Tim Larocca-Recreation Coordinator, Mr. Kevin McGuane representing the Basketball Association
- III. Audience: None
- IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the meeting held on 8/11/14 were unanimously approved
- V. Coordinators Report * Attached
- VI. DPW Report * Attached
- VII. Opportunity to add agenda items
 - a. Basketball Association; Mr. Kevin McGuane Presented the annual report from the Basketball Association to the Recreation Commission. John Hostetler is president, Kevin McGuane is treasurer and Nadine McGowan is secretary. This report fulfills the annual reporting requirements for the Basketball Association.
 - b. Recreation Commission voted unanimously to accept the annual report of the Basketball Association.

VIII. Old Business:

- a. Field Road Park opportunity Short term / Long term plan
- b. Options for the new grassy area adjacent to the new parking lot at Field Road Park were discussed, could it be made into a practice area?
- c. The two fields on 9th District Road that used to be soaking wet are better now;
- d. Changes / Recommendations to Draft Policy was discussed;

IX. New business:

- a. Little league got \$3,500.00 from Dicks Store to help with field improvements, and will seek additional funding in the future
- b. Permit Requests: Soccer and the American Legion
- X. Motion to close:
 - a. Meeting Adjourned 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted: Janice Bergeron – Recorder

Recreation Coordinator Report

September 8, 2014

PERMITS -

Somers Youth Basketball

Somers Soccer Association

American Legion

UPCOMING FALL ACTIVITIES/PROGRAMS

Tot Soccer 9/6-10/4 (5 Saturdays)

Fall Co-Ed Softball League Begins 9/7

Women's Volleyball League-September 3rd-April 15th

Kara Wolters Dream Big Basketball Clinic (11/14 5:30-8pm)

Men's Basketball Open Gym-October –June

Trick or Treat Event (Thursday October 30th 3:00pm-6:00pm at Town Hall)

Adult Tennis 9/22, Beginner (11am) and Intermediate (9:30am)

ONGOING PROGRAM/UPDATES

The following exercise programs are held at Kibbe on an ongoing basis...all classes are walk in welcome. Description and times are on website.

Tai Chi- Fridays 10:30 -11:30am

Yoga- Tuesday/Thursday 6:00 -7:00pm

Step Aerobics- Tuesday/Fridays 8:30-9:15am

Zumba Tuesday/Saturday 5:30pm / 9am

DAY TRIPS:

Mohegan Sun Day Trip-September 19th, 2014, \$20.00-OPEN TO ANYONE 21 and up, includes vouchers for lunch and slots, bus and gratuities.

OVERNIGHT TRIPS:

Eastern Caribbean Escape Cruise- Jan 30-Feb 9, 2015 \$1249-1659 range (payment plan available).

Welcome...Timothy Larocca, our New Recreation Coordinator!!! He will be located in Town Hall (tlarocca@somersct.gov ... phone willbe shared once set up!!)

Contact Somers Recreation, 860-763-4379 for info/registration for all trips listed

Bruce Urbon (Parks Forman) contact information: (860)763-8234 - Office, parks@somersct.gov

Update:

1. Field Road Park:

- a. Grass is establishing well at field five, and along the banks of the new parking lot,
- b. Dugouts are being repaired and painted,
- c. After aeration and fertilization, new field eight is showing considerable improvement.

2. High School gate:

During the summer we opened the gate between the High School and the Park to allow travel behind the High School. Now that school has resumed, the gate will remain locked for the safety of the children entering and exiting that side of the High School.

3. <u>Intersection improvements Ninth District Road / Main Street:</u>

Both Concrete Box Culverts and wing walls are complete. Backfilling, grading, milling and paving of Ninth District Road are scheduled for next week. The <u>road is open for one way (south bound) traffic from 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Monday thru Friday</u>, with the road being totally closed during the nights and weekends. It will be closed for safety reasons and so the contractor can get more work completed after regular working hours. The current schedule has all intersection and Ninth District work being completed by October 10th.

Vandalism Report:

Over the last few months we have noticed off-road vehicles using the back of the Sokol Road soccer field. As you may know this area is a community septic system and very vulnerable to damage. In an effort to stop these vehicles from causing further damage we installed concrete blocks on the paths leading to the field. Unfortunately this did not stop the continued damage. If you or anyone you know witnesses off road vehicles driving on or near Sokol Road field, please report it to the Somers Police Department at (860)749-4955.

Respectfully Submitted,
Todd Rolland
Director of Public Works
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